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Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Reservation Proclamations

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of procedural guidance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has updated its Fee-to-Trust Handbook to include procedural guidance for its employees on processing reservation proclamations, including simultaneous requests for trust acquisition and reservation proclamations.

ADDRESSES: The updated Fee-to-Trust Handbook is available at the following link:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhatWeDo/Knowledge/Directives/Handbooks/>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The BIA has updated its Fee-to Trust Handbook to establish procedures for BIA to process simultaneous requests for trust land acquisitions under 25 CFR part 151 and reservation

proclamations under the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. 467). This Handbook revision will provide flexibility for Tribes who wish to submit their requests simultaneously. BIA has also updated the Handbook to include guidance for processing reservation proclamations where the land has already been acquired in trust.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 25 U.S.C. 2; 25 U.S.C. 9; 25 U.S.C. 467.

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